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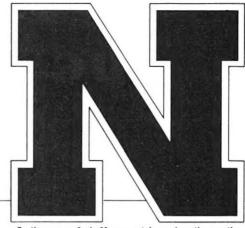
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#### **HUSKERS RAIN TOUCHDOWNS IN 42-17 ONSLAUGHT**

# A Lion Burial

by Charlie Smith

It was such an outrageous thought, it did not cross anyone's mind. Hence, absolutely no one expected it.

But there it was — a 42-point Nebraska gusher that left a pretty good Penn State team befuddled and bewildered. The score was 42-17 and — but for a pass interception for a touchdown and a fumble that set up a field goal — the final margin might have been much greater.

"Before the game, I would have thought if we could score 21 points, we'd be pretty happy," said Nebraska coach Tom Osborne.

His Cornhuskers, though, scored twice that many and, during a spellbinding 10minute, 22-second stretch in the second quarter, poured across four touchdowns. After the game Osborne talked briefly to the Nittany Lions' Joe Paterno while they were running off the field.

"I told Joe, 'I'm sorry,' " said Osborne. "He said, 'Forget it and good luck.' "

What Osborne was "sorry" about was the lopsided margin. He expressed genuine sympathy that his team had mounted such a score.

"I really respect Paterno and his team," said Osborne. "There was no dirty play, no dirty talking, none of that on the field. I'd have been happy with a seven-point win. You can never stop trying to score, though."

For Penn State, several negative standards were set. For one, it was the first time a Paterno team lost a game in which it held

a two-touchdown lead. For another, no Penn State team had yielded 42 points since Paterno's first season on the scene in 1965 at State College, Pennsylvania. In that year the Lions lost to Michigan State 42-8 and UCLA 49-11.

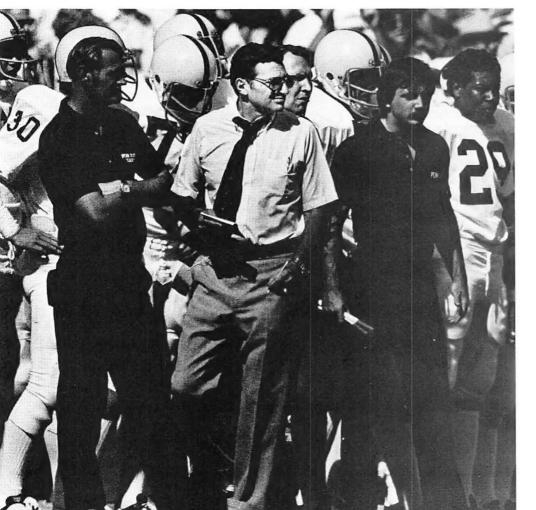
A crowd of 76,151, Nebraska's 101st straight sellout in Memorial Stadium, watched the rout along with a television audience from every part of the country except the South. The first two quarters were stunning reversals. First, Penn State landed a roundhouse right that put Nebraska on the deck. Second, Nebraska picked itself up and uncorked the fourtouchdown knockout punch. And the second half was played for laughs.

The Lions slashed 82 yards in nine plays on their second possession. The big play was a 40-yard pass from Dayle Tate to Brad Scovill for a first down at the Nebraska 20. From the 19, Tate hit Scovill for the touchdown between Ric Lindquist and Mark LeRoy. That came with 8:23 to play in the first quarter.

Minutes later, Nebraska quarterback Tim Hager tried to hit Junior Miller with a squareout in the flat. But up stepped cornerback Tom Wise. He batted the ball up, clutched it back to his chest and ran 30 yards for the touchdown that put Penn State ahead 14-0.

At that point, a Nebraska victory appeared farfetched. And mention of a Cornhusker rout would have been cause to put in a call to the men in the funny little white coats.

"Naw," said Jarvis Redwine, the transfer from Oregon State who gained 124 yards on 22 carries, "we were on national TV. And we've got the kind of players who can do

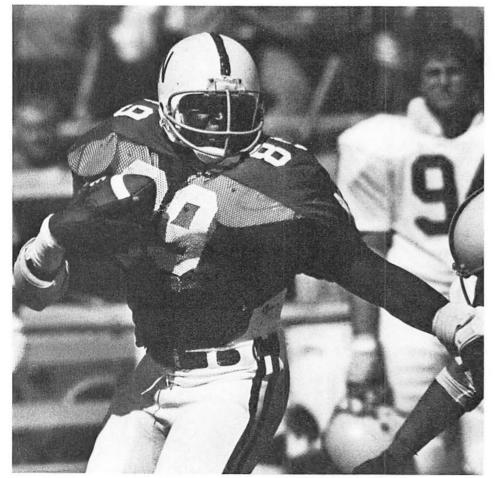


The second quarter was a long one for Penn State coach Joe Paterno and his staff, left, as reflected by the facial expressions along the sideline. And one of the reasons Penn State's stay in Lincoln turned sour was the running of Jarvis Redwine (12), right, who eludes an attempted tackle by defensive end Larry Kubin (74).

Ted Kirk photos







what we did."

What the Cornhuskers did was awe-

They scored on four out of five possessions. They ran at will. And they passed just as easily. When Paterno took his charges to the dressing room at halftime, he must have felt like a redwood had fallen on him.

"When we were down 14-0, there were no signs of panic," said Osborne. "I had a feeling of panic in my stomach because I felt with their defensive line, we might have trouble scoring 14 points."

Osborne was referring in particular to Bruce Clark and Matt Millen, the 255-pound bookend defensive tackles. But Nebraska's skilled performers avoided them like the plague.

"We felt what they did best was rush the passer," said Osborne. "That's why we tried to throw on early downs off playaction."

Nebraska also popped fullback Andra Franklin up the middle (nine carries, 63 yards) when Clark and Millen took wide splits. And when they pinched, Redwine and I. M. Hipp (12 carries, 50 yards) snared pitchouts and raced to the outside.

Here's how the amazing four-touchdown onslaught unfolded:

The Cornhuskers began the stampede on their last possession of the first quarter, immediately after Wise's pass interception. The first touchdown came on the end of an 85-yard, 12-play drive. The big play, though, had to be a face-mask penalty against Clark after he dumped Redwine for a six-yard loss. The 10-yard penalty set up the Huskers on the Lions' 11.

From there, Hager (14 of 22 for 215 yards) fired a pass that Miller caught at the goal line after splitting defensive end Gene Gladys and Mickey Urquhart, who was moved just the week before from line-backer to cornerback. That play was to be the beginning of a long afternoon for Urquhart, a 202-pound junior from Pittsburgh.

After an exchange of punts, Hager and Miller hooked up on the play that seemed to light the fire under Nebraska. Hager spun out of the man-under slot in a misdirection rollout and threw back deep down the sideline to Miller.

Urguhart tried to pull down Miller at the

Cornerback Tom Wise (49) steps in front of Junior Miller, top, and sails 30 yards with a pass interception for Penn State's second touchdown with 3:00 left in the first quarter. But it wasn't too long before Miller, bottom, gained his revenge, this time eluding Penn State's Mickey Urquhart near the end of a 70-yard touchdown pass from Tim Hager.



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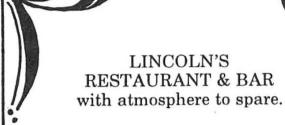
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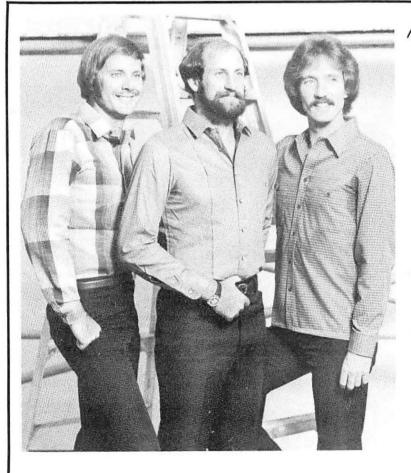


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That play apparently was the result of something reserve tight end Jeff Finn had told the coaches earlier.

"Jeff said when the action goes away," recalled Osborne, "their cornerback was leaving him pretty much alone on the other side. Jeff told us about it, but we needed Junior to do it."

That play, of course, brought the sky down in Lincoln. Suddenly, the kill was within sniffing range.

And then Tate chose to help the Huskers. On the first play after the kickoff, he made an errant pitch to tailback Booker Moore. The ball skidded away on the turf and junior defensive end Derrie Nelson wrapped himself around it at the Penn State 15.

On third down, Hager faked a handoff to Hipp and flipped a pitchout to wingback Kenny Brown on a deep reverse. And Brown scooted 16 yards for the go-ahead score 6:02 before halftime. That play came only 58 seconds after Hager's 70-yard scoring toss to Miller.

By then, the Nittany Lions were in full retreat. They were stopped again and

Brown fair-caught the punt at the Nebraska 42. Four running plays produced yet another touchdown.

Hipp gained 13, then Franklin popped through for 34 yards to the 11. Redwine gained six and Franklin applied the coup de grace with a five-yard bolt right up the middle.

Said Hager, who made his first start at quarterback, "The second quarter really helped, obviously. But at halftime we talked about going out and playing like the score was nothing to nothing. And then after they scored that field goal, we kept thinking we were behind 3-0."

The only scoring in the third quarter was a 35-yard field goal by Penn State's Herb Menhardt. The Lions did not gain so much as a first down on that occasion, being set up because of a fumble after a bad pitch from Hager to Hipp.

If Penn State was harboring any comeback hopes, they were dashed by a 69yard Nebraska drive to start the fourth quarter. The 13-play effort was relentless. Hager flipped a 17-yard completion to Brown and Redwine burst three yards on a fourth-and-one play to the Lions' 27. Tim Wurth scored the touchdown on a sevenyard pop up the middle 8:31 from the end. One of the big plays of the contest is turned in by Cornhusker defensive end Derrie Nelson (92), right, who recovers a fumbled pitchout on Penn State's 15-yard line. Safety Russell Gary (9) follows Nelson to the loose football.

Ted Kirk photo

Another 57-yard scoring sortie lighted up the scoreboard for the final time with 1:55 remaining. Reserve fullback Jim Kotera scored the touchdown from four yards out. Jeff Quinn, who was Nebraska's first-team quarterback at the start of the season, directed this march.

Quinn said his left ankle, which was twisted in the lowa game, felt much stronger.

"It was a lot better this week. I should be able to play at 100 percent whenever they need me. There's no problem there."

The statistics were as much of a mismatch as the score. The Cornhuskers pounded out 24 first downs to 10 for Penn State and unloaded 530 yards of total offense.

"We never had control of the game even when we were ahead," said Lions' defensive coordinator Jerry Sandusky. "When a team is playing well, like Nebraska was, it gets to be a guessing game."

Clark and Millen were unimpressed with



Redwine leaves his jersey with Wise (49) on the end of a first-down gallop. The Nebraska I-back used five tear-away jerseys during the game.



the physical strength of Nebraska's offensive line.

"They did a lot of Mickey Mouse blocking that frustrated us," said Clark.

In the dressing room, Millen asked Clark if any Nebraska lineman had tried to overpower him straight-on.

"No, not all day," said Clark.

"You've gotta see my ankles," said Millen. "They're cut to shreds."

And that's how it was on a sunny, 73-degree Saturday afternoon amidst a sea of red in Memorial Stadium. This was the game Nebraska fans had been pointing toward since the final lights blinked out in the Orange Bowl last January 1.

Even Osborne admitted, "We've given a lot of thought toward this game for about six months."

And he hoped what he saw was the real Nebraska team, not the one he watched fight from behind against Utah State and Iowa.

"The big difference was intensity," he said. "We played today like lowa did against us. After the lowa game, I really had some strong doubts about how good we were going to be.

"And now it's important to come back and play well again against New Mexico State. I don't want a roller-coaster type of football team. I don't want us to play well one week and poorly the next."

For at least one Saturday, though, even the most critical Cornhusker fan had to be satisfied. **N** 



Andra Franklin (39) bursts up the middle on a five-yard touchdown run that concludes the 28-point Nebraska outburst in the second quarter. Penn State's Bruce Clark (54) and Steve Griffiths (52) know the play is beyond them.

Ted Kirk photo

# The Coaches Say:



TOM OSBORNE, Nebraska About the pass interception and touchdown run by Penn State's Tom Wise, opening a 14-0 gap:

"I really had a sinking feeling at that point and I'm sure Penn State had a great feeling of elation."

About how an early lead can affect a team:

"Sometimes when you get an unexpected early lead, you can just relax a little and the momentum will get away from you. The same thing happened to us last year against Missouri. We went 80 yards on the first play and I think some of our players may have thought, 'This is too easy.'"

JOE PATERNO, Penn State His immediate reaction to the Lions' worst shelling since Colorado landed a

#### 41-13 haymaker in 1970:

"Well, we got licked by a very fine football team—and decidedly. If you want key plays, I would say their bombs. They did a great job with their long plays. They had too many big plays for us, but that is an indication of some of the problems we've had since the season began."

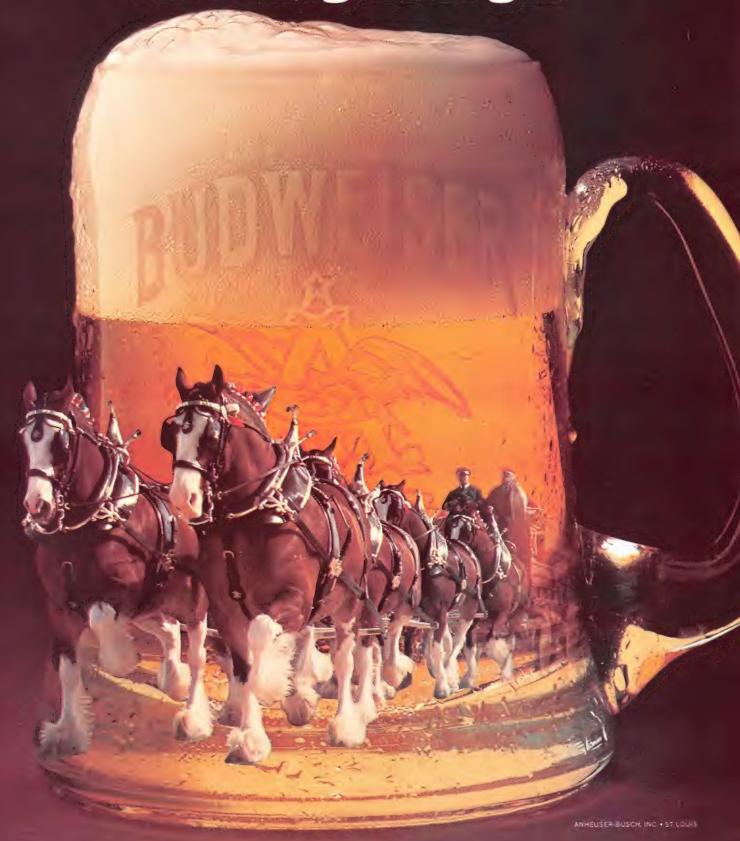
About Nebraska's passing game:

"Sure, I expected them to throw. We just didn't have very good pressure on their passer. They were just too good for us."

About the obvious quality of NU's depth:

"Nebraska has such a good offensive team. I said all week it was my one concern. Our defense was on the field a long time (84 plays for Nebraska to 55 for Penn State). Nebraska has a lot of depth and they played a lot of people."

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# The BIG Edge

#### by Charlie Smith

In the November shadows of a Saturday afternoon in 1965, a Nebraska football team scored a touchdown to take a 21-17 lead over Oklahoma State in Stillwater, Oklahoma. But the Cowboys, despite serious time limitations, pounded back down the field. And on the final play of the game, Walt Garrison — later of Dallas Cowboys and rodeo fame — broke open from the Nebraska 23-yard line and stampeded down the sideline toward a game-winning touchdown.

But out of nowhere lunged a defensive back named Bill Johnson. And, hanging on for dear life, the 5-10, 187-pound Johnson dragged down Garrison at the 5-yard line.

That tackle preserved Bob Devaney's first perfect regular-season record, something that later was besmirched by Alabama in the 1966 Orange Bowl. But that tackle also did something else: It created a legend within the Nebraska football program.

Bill Johnson, you see, was a walk-on.

Devaney was so caught up in the emotion of the victory that he ran down the field with the sound of the final gun and began beating Garrison on the back in a thunderous signal of congratulations for an all-out effort.

And Johnson was applauded by his teammates with an assortment of bear-hugs and helmet-thumps.

But the thing that is remembered about Bill Johnson, a rancher's son from Stanton, Nebraska, is that he played college football as a walk-on, an athlete who teed it up without benefit of an athletic scholarship.

If there is one unique thing about the Cornhuskers' football program, it is the walk-on tradition. And it is something that has been a saving grace since the installa-

Center Kelly Saalfeld (57) is another in a long line of walk-ons who have developed into outstanding offensive linemen for Cletus Fischer. Saalfeld labored three years on scout teams before earning a scholarship prior to his junior year.

Ted Kirk photo

tion of the NCAA's 30-scholarship limit.

For instance, there are 75 players on this year's freshman team. Only 23 arrived at the university on an athletic scholarship. That means there are 52 more who think they can play big-time football at the University of Nebraska. If they do, they'll do it the hard way — knocking down some numbers that are stacked heavily against them.

And, says head coach Tom Osborne, "We could have had 30 or 40 more who asked to come out, but were turned down after we looked at films or talked to their high school coaches."

An incredible statistic to outsiders is that of Nebraska's 22 first-unit members at the start of fall practice, seven — I. M. Hipp, Derrie Nelson, Tom Vering, Andy Means, Kelly Saalfeld, Paul Letcher and Ric Lindquist — started their college football careers as walk-ons. And so did number one place-kicker Dean Sukup.

Cletus Fischer, the Cornhuskers' offensive line coach, has been on the staff 20 years. He has seen the walk-on program from near the start.

"I think it began because we were the last school in the Big Six to give scholar-ships," says Fischer. "I think the first one was given by the Elk's Club in Norfolk. Then later on the university began giving them.

"And there's always been only one major university in the state. The high school programs have never been like those in Texas and Oklahoma and kids have always been allowed to come out for football here."

As an example of how rare that has become elsewhere, though, there were only two walk-ons at the University of Kansas this fall.

Fischer has watched the walk-on program with more than a professional eye, though. He has two sons, Pat and Dan, who have played as walk-ons. Pat played as a defensive back in 1972 and 1973 and now serves as an assistant coach. Dan is a sophomore defensive back on the current varsity squad.

"No one recruited either one of those

kids," says Fischer. "But they stuck it out."

Walk-ons generally are placed on scholarship after spring practice. That is, if they have proven they merit such a reward. And that means establishing themselves on the first or second teams.

Andy Means and Kelly Saalfeld, starters on this year's team, are typical. They walked on, were redshirted their second years and then earned scholarships. Means gained his when he became a starter as a sophomore; Saalfeld toiled three years before earning a free ride.

"It was my own idea to walk on," says Means, a product of Holdrege, Nebraska. "My dad played here and I'd been going to games for a long time. There are a lot of other Nebraska kids who feel the same way.

"The difference in me is that I was a non-recruited walk-on. I wrote the freshman coach at the time (Guy Ingles) and he wrote back and said I could try out."

Means says there were more than 100 freshmen out his first day of practice.

"I just kept trying to learn as much as I could as fast as I could. Then I'd look on the board every day to see if I'd been cut. I never was."

Saalfeld weighed only 200 pounds coming out of high school in Columbus, Nebraska. Light offensive linemen don't merit second looks from college recruiters.

"But I was 6-foot-3, so I knew I had the height," says Kelly. "And I come from a farm so I know what work is all about. I knew that if I just sat down and ate and worked on weights, then I could do it."

As a senior, he's playing at 248 pounds.

"I'm just thankful that my parents were patient enough," says Saalfeld. "My mom was kind of the pusher. When I would get down, she was the one who told me to stick it out."

The Nebraska walk-on program most generally produces defensive backs and offensive linemen. Seldom does it turn out a brilliant performer at a skilled position. The exception, of course, is Isaiah Moses

## **NEBRASKA HALL OF FAME**

	Players		
Name	Years of Play	School	Year Installed
Ed Weir*	1923-1925	Nebraska	1971
George Sauer*	1931-1933	Nebraska	1971
Guy Chamberlin*	1913-1915	Nebraska	1971
Bobby Reynolds	1950-1952	Nebraska	1972
Roy (Link) Lyman	1919-1922	Nebraska	1972
Tom Novak	1946-1949	Nebraska	1972
Lloyd Cardwell	1934-1936	Nebraska	1972
Charlie Brock	1936-1938	Nebraska	1972
Dave Noble	1922-1924	Nebraska	1972
Sam Francis	1934-1936	Nebraska	1972
Virgil (Joe) Lindahl	1937-1940	Wyane State	1973
Oscar Wiberg	1923-1926	Neb. Wesleyan	1973
Vic Halligan	1912-1914	Nebraska	1973
Glenn Presnell	1925-1927	Nebraska	1973
Johnny Rodgers	1970-1972	Nebraska	1973
Rich Glover	1970-1972	Nebraska	1973
Dr. George Flippin	1891-1894	Nebraska	1974
Lawrence Ely	1930-1932	Nebraska	1974
Pat Fischer	1958-1960	Nebraska	1974
Randy Rasmussen	1964-1967	Kearney State	1974
Bill Engelhardt	1953-1956	Omaha U.	1974
Clarence Swanson*	1919-1922	Nebraska	1974
Johnny Bender	1900-1904	Nebraska	1975
Verne Lewellen	1921-1923	Nebraska	1975
Warren Alfson	1938-1940	Nebraska	1975
Johnny Knolla	1938-1940	Creighton	1975
Dennis Claridge	1961-1963	Nebraska	1976
Fred Shirey	1935-1937	Nebraska	1976
Cliff Squires	1946-1949	Neb. Wesleyan	1976
Bernie Masterson	1931-1933	Nebraska	1977
Bob Brown	1961-1963	Nebraska	1977
Joe Arenas	1947-1950	Omaha U.	1977
Sylvester V. Shonka	1909-1911	Nebraska	1978
Edward E. 'Blue' Howell	1926-1928	Nebraska	1978
Jerry Tagge	1969-1971	Nebraska	1978
Marlin Briscoe	1963-1967	Omaha U.	1978
Arthur Stevenson	1935-1937	Hastings	1979
Cletus Fischer	1945-1948	Nebraska	1979
Wayne Meylan	1965-1967	Nebraska	1979
Larry Jacobson	1969-1971	Nebraska	1979
Elmer Greenberg	1927-1930	Nebrsaka	1979
Daniel McMullen	1925-1928	Nebraska	1979
	Coaches		
Fielding Yost*	1898	Nebraska	1971
Dana X. Bible*	1929-1936	Nebraska	1971
L. McC. (Biff) Jones*	1937-1941	Nebraska	1971
E. N. Robinson*	1896-1897	Nebraska	1971
Fred Dawson	1921-1924	Nebraska	1971
Bob Devaney	1962-1972	Nebraska	1971
Allen H. Zikmund	1955-1971	Kearney State	1977
Al Caniglia	1960-1974	UNO	1979
*Members of the National Football		0110	13/3

Hipp, the most celebrated walk-on in the history of intercollegiate athletics.

There were, however, extenuating circumstances in Hipp's case.

First, and no doubt foremost, he was injured and did not play his senior year in high school at Chapin, South Carolina. And, second, he came from such a destitute family situation that he was able to receive more from his Basic Economic Opportunities Grant (BEOG) when he first enrolled at Nebraska than he would have from an athletic scholarship. At the time, he could earn about \$1,300 per semester from several government-funded grants.

As time passed, however, those grants diminished and Hipp was put on athletic scholarship before his junior year began.

There have been, of course, numerous allegations concerning Hipp and, in fact, the entire Nebraska walk-on program.

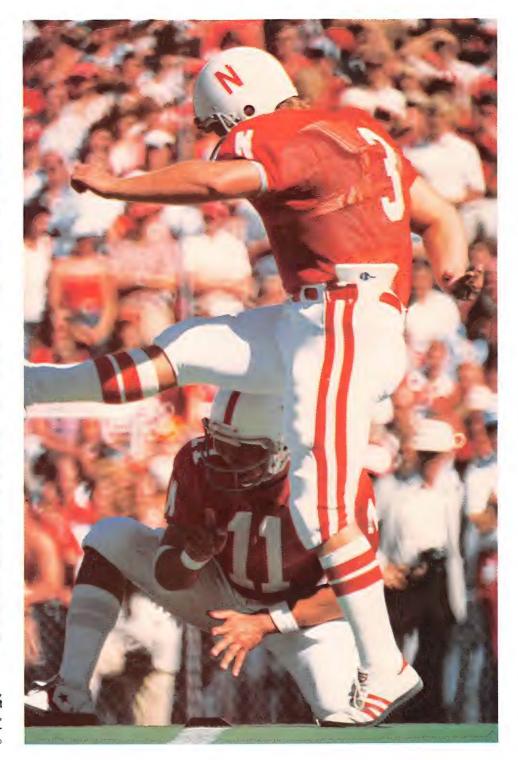
"Hipp has been investigated many, many times," shrugs Osborne. "Every time anyone says anything, I just say, 'If you believe that, turn us in and have 'em check us out.'"

Osborne says he tells potential walk-ons there are only two reasons to do it:

"First is if he believes the university has something that is academically superior to whatever his alternative plan is. And, second is if the player has such a strong desire to play football here that he wouldn't be happy if he didn't try it."

And that is what the Nebraska walk-on program is about. It's a tradition that has grown in the small towns of the state and has been nurtured by the high school coaches. It's a tradition that says, "Okay, you're a man now. Come prove we're wrong." It's a tradition that already was ingrained in Bill Johnson when he was tugging for all he was worth on a runaway bull named Walt Garrison. **N** 

Dean Sukup (3), a senior from Cozad, Nebraska, finally became the Cornhuskers' No. 1 extra-point and field-goal kicker this season. Another walk-on, he was the team's alternate kicker in 1977 and back-up for Billy Todd last season.



#### BIG RED GALLERY

#### **BREAD AND BATTER**

Jeff Quinn (11), Nebraska's gifted new quarterback, begins the famed I-back sweep with a turn and pitch to I. M. Hipp (32). Not seen, but a key part of the play, will be the lead block thrown by fullback Andra Franklin.

This is the exact view as seen by the head referee, who is stationed directly behind the offensive unit as the play starts

This is the student-body right play for Nebraska's offensive unit. It usually is most effectively run to the wide side of the field, allowing the I-back the most possible room to maneuver.





# Laid Back on the Plains

#### by Mike Babcock

Southern California: sun and surf, scuba diving and catamaran sailing, the Beach Boys, Baja, Coppertone tans and smiling, healthy faces . . . the endless summer. All very laid back, very casual. Tim Smith knows; he's been there.

Nebraska's senior split end and offensive captain doesn't resemble Brian Wilson or Mike Love, but he grew up in Chula Vista, California — 10 miles from San Diego, 10 miles from Tijuana — and he has done some surfing. "Not like the hardcore surfers, the guys out there the year around," he says. But Tim caught a wave now and then at Mission Beach or La Jolla when he wasn't watching Lance Alworth catch passes for the San Diego Chargers.

Smith's interest in Alworth's style is mirrored in his own play. Alworth earned the nickname "Bambi" for his leaping catches and the speed and grace with which he played split end. Smith possesses those same qualities; they are a part of his calm, southern California nature.

He didn't own a little deuce coupe and his daddy never took his T-Bird away, but he did have fun doing the things people in southern California do . . . except going to Tijuana; those trips were infrequent.

"It's a filthy border town, a pretty violent place at night, especially, and the authorities crack down pretty hard on juveniles," he says. "Over a million people live there, and 50 per cent of them don't have a home.

"Most kids in their right mind didn't go down there," Smith says. His intelligence was never questioned.

He drove a '69 Chevy pick-up, which got him and his friends around. "I had it fixed up nice, camper shell and all," recalls Smith. He owned it until his sophomore season at Nebraska, just prior to being married.

Smith stopped one day in California freeway traffic; a Coca-Cola truck rearended him and totaled the pickup. The insurance paid off "nicely" and helped the newlyweds get started financially. "I would have had to sell it anyway," Smith says.

Tim Smith makes the best of every situation he confronts. That's why he maintains

a low profile despite having statistics that shout for attention.

"I've always thought I caught a lot of key passes," he says. "I don't think I'm real quiet. Maybe I am when we're on the field, but you can't be a 'go-getter' at wide receiver.

"You can't be as reckless as players at other positions because it (split end) requires so much concentration."

Smith is as steady as an ocean breeze. "He's a very consistent football player. I never have to worry about Tim's awareness," says Gene Huey, Nebraska's assistant coach in charge of tight ends, wingbacks and receivers.

In two previous seasons, Smith did not miss a start. He entered this fall with 804 minutes of playing time, more than any other offensive player. He has punted for two seasons, averaging 40.1 yards per

this semester and enter graduate school in the spring to begin study for a master's degree. He hopes to be drafted by the National Football League and then fall back on his education later in life. The fact that he can both punt and play split receiver should strengthen his chances for a professional career, "especially when (NFL) rosters are limited to 45," he says.

Not bad credentials for a young man whose St. Augustine High School football team numbered just 22 varsity players his senior year. St. Augustine is located in San Diego, some 17 miles from Smith's home in Chula Vista, a city of about 100,000.

It's an all-boys Catholic high school and had an enrollment of 200 at the time Tim attended. The school's high academic standards and the size belied its quality athletic program. St. Augustine could compete in football with schools like Santa

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kick, and never had one blocked.

Smith led the varsity in receiving his sophomore year, grabbing 27 passes for 449 yards and two touchdowns, despite entering fall camp as the Cornhuskers' number four split end.

Last season, he was the team's thirdbest receiver statistically, with 22 catches, 303 yards, and two TDs. And yet, somehow, he managed to find enough time to maintain a 3.26 grade-point average in business administration.

The son of an industrial engineer who helped design the BART (Bay Area Rapid Transit) system for the San Francisco Bay area, Tim is a two-time academic All-Big Eight selection.

His wife, Beth, who is from La Mesa, California, was president of her high school class. She is now a student in home economics at Nebraska.

Smith will finish his undergraduate work

Barbara High (enrollment: 6,000). The 22-man team in Smith's senior year lost 31-28 to Santa Barbara, the Los Angeles County champion.

St. Augustine finished its season 6-3 on the strength of a passing attack which generated 50 passes a game . . . in 12-minute quarters. "We did it by necessity," says Smith, who played wide receiver and free safety. "We could play with about anybody, but we didn't have enough depth for a running game.

"Out of 22 players, there were about eight or nine good athletes who went both ways (offense and defense). Anybody who had any size was put in the line and worked on pass blocking," Smith says.

He and quarterback Mike Kennedy combined to set all the prep passing records in San Diego County. Smith caught 53 passes his senior year and 120 in his three varsity seasons. He was a high school All-

America, one of the top players in the country.

Not bad for a graduate of the Pop Warner Football League; he played Pop Warner through his freshman year in high school, then moved right to the St. Augustine varsity as a 5-11, 175-pound sophomore (up 30 pounds from when he was a freshman).

At that time, he was one of just a few sophomores playing varsity football in San Diego County, a population area greater than the State of Nebraska.

Smith played baseball year around and was considered draft material by the San Francisco Giants. He has the hands of a fielder, the timing and eye-hand coordination to be a good hitter, and the speed — 4.5 for 40 yards — to steal bases.

He also has a 31-inch vertical jump and played basketball in high school. By the time he was graduated from St. Augustine, he had earned nine varsity letters — three in each sport. "When you go to an all-boys school, you play all sports and letter in all you can," Smith says.

But football, the ability to catch passes and punt, was his ticket to college. That became apparent during his junior year when he began receiving letters from West Coast universities.

When it came time to visit schools, Notre Dame was a possibility, as it is for any good football player with a Catholic background from an all-boys high school. Smith was high on the Fighting Irish until Ara Parseghian retired; then he looked elsewhere.

Stanford, the Harvard of the West, was interested in him because of his potential both as a student and a pass receiver. The Cardinals' football program has distinguished itself through the airways on the arms of quarterbacks like Jim Plunkett, John Brodie and Guy Benjamin. It has a passing tradition.

Benjamin and Mike Cordova were making headlines in Palo Alto with their aerial assaults at the time, but "the program there has undergone a lot of changes," Smith says, and he was looking for stability. He was also looking "for a new area," some place he'd never been.

So even though he had signed a Pacific-8 letter-of-intent with Stanford, he chose Nebraska. The Cornhuskers have football tradition and program stability. "It's the same now as when I came, solid," says Smith. "Nebraska (football) hasn't changed."

Once the Cornhuskers showed some in-

terest, he listened to NU-game radio broadcasts which were carried in southern California. They helped spur his enthusiasm. So did a visit from head coach Tom Osborne.

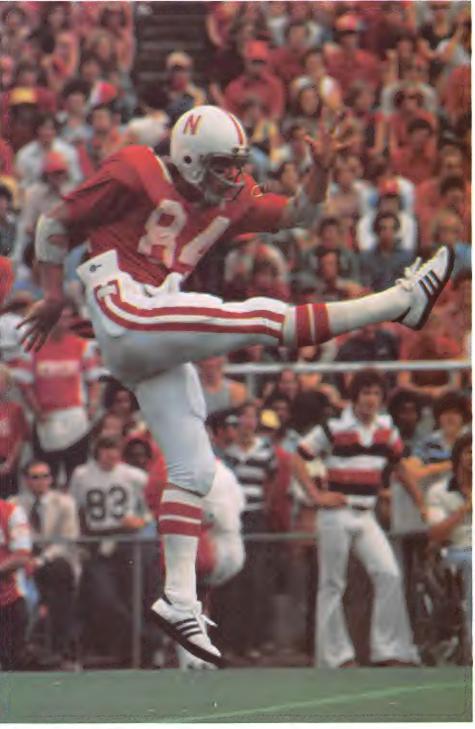
The Huskers initially were interested in Kennedy, Smith's quarterback at St. Augustine. They became aware of NU's 12th all-time leading receiver by watching films of someone else. The guy catching all Kennedy's passes, jersey number three on the screen, was Tim Smith.

Smith and Kennedy decided to look at colleges separately. "Some places con-

sidered it as a package deal, but we knew the chances of us staying teamed up would be tough," Smith recalls.

Both finally settled on Nebraska and came to Lincoln with scholarships. But Kennedy has since transferred twice, to Oregon and to U.S. International College in San Diego.

The dynamic duo from southern California played for an undefeated NU freshman team in 1975, which outscored its opposition 216-18. Smith led the young Huskers with 15 receptions for four touchdowns.



As a punter, Tim Smith is Mr. Consistency. He entered the 1979 season with a 40.1 career average after kicking for averages of 40.8 as a sophomore and 39.4 as a junior. During his first two years, he never suffered a blocked punt.

Smith spent the following season as a redshirt. With seniors Dave Shamblin, Chuck Malito and Bobby Thomas at split end, it was to the advantage of any young receiver at Nebraska to sit out. "My redshirt year really helped," says Smith. "When those three graduated, it (split end) was up for grabs."

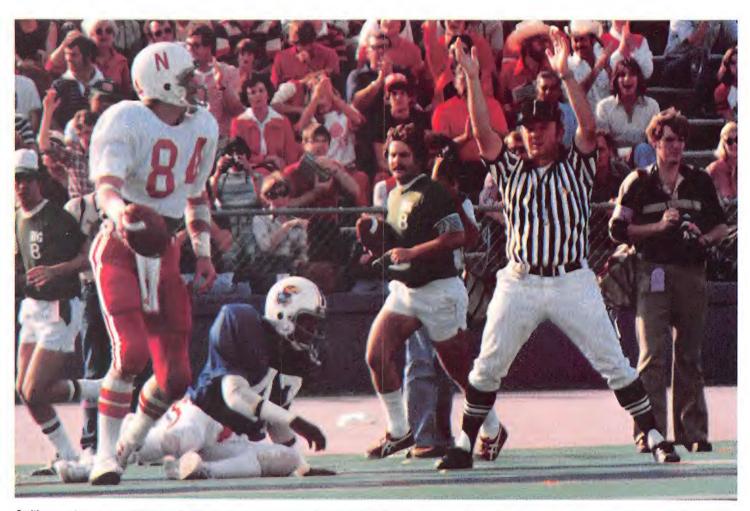
Smith entered fall camp of 1977 listed behind Jeff Lee, Frank Lockett and Rocke Loken on the depth chart. His main concern was making the traveling squad by Smith has learned to catch passes by catching lots of them. "The only goal I set is to catch everything that's thrown to me," he says. To that end, he and the rest of the Husker receivers try to "catch enough in practice so that every ball you see in the games, you've already caught something similar in practice."

He doesn't use sticky substances on his hands, no Firm-Grip or pine tar like Fred Biletnikoff; it's all concentration. "I don't like any of that stuff. You have to keep applying

his patterns. "Consistency is my all-around goal."

He has suffered from the usual football pains, the twists and sprains and jammed fingers, but has avoided serious injuries.

Smith was a second-unit selection on the United Press International all-conference team last fall, but he probably hasn't received the recognition he deserves because of his quiet disposition and the business-like approach he brings to the football field.



Smith was a joyous part of Nebraska's 35-point second-quarter onslaught against Kansas last year. It's another touchdown, signals the official, with Smith on the receiving end of a 17-yard toss from Tom Sorley. This was the fourth touchdown of the quarter and the Cornhuskers glided to a 63-21 romp.

the time Nebraska played its first game on the road, game number five of the season. But Smith was in the starting lineup when the Cornhuskers played host to Washington State in the opener and he's been there ever since.

"My size might have helped a little because I'm bigger than the average split end," says Smith. He stands 6-2 and weighs 195 pounds. He has the strength to power clean 264 pounds, a Nebraska record for his position.

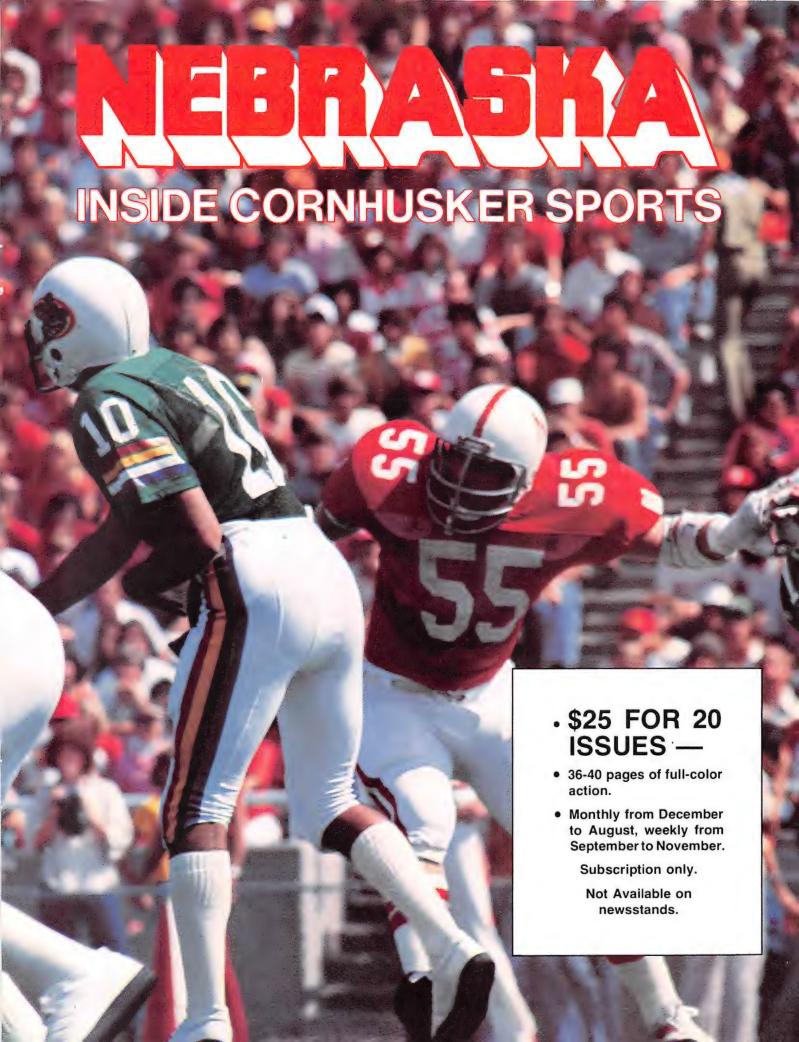
it or it gets slick, and I just try to keep my hands dry," says Smith. "Besides, when I'm punting, it's a hazard — the ball would stick to my hands when I tried to drop it."

Smith doesn't cradle passes, either. It's all in the hands, he says: "I try to catch everything out in front of me. Trying to trap the ball with your body takes time, and it's easier for the defender to knock free."

Tim says he doesn't have the speed of a Mel Gray. He can't always run away from defenders, so he concentrates on running That his Cornhusker teammates would elect him co-captain, along with defensive end L. C. Cole, is one indication of his inestimable value to the team.

But Tim Smith will never poll votes for being a wild and crazy guy. It's that southern California up-bringing. "I've always trained myself to keep my head and my emotions locked up," he says.

Just like he locks up all those passes — very laid back, very casual . . . very southern California.  ${\bf N}$ 





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### SCOUTING REPORT

# New Mexico State



Locklin is a name that is well-known at New Mexico State. It's a name that means football tradition— and football talent

The Locklin story began with Billy Ray Locklin, a star offensive lineman from 1956 through 1959. And it has gained speed with Ray Locklin, a fullback who gained 863 yards a year ago and has been the Missouri Valley Conference leader through the first half of this season.

Through the first three games—two victories and one loss—Locklin was averaging 5.2 yards per carry and 108.7 yards per game.

Ray is a 6-3, 216-pounder who promises to carry much of the already potent offensive attack the Aggies will have this fall.

But almost as impressive is an even younger Locklin, tight end Kerry. He suffered a shoulder separation in the opener, but returned to catch three passes in the third game of the year against Texas-El Paso.

The Locklins are from Rockdale, Texas, and Kerry's 212-pound sophomore frame compares favorably with Ray's.

Father Billy Ray is a member of the New Mexico State all-time team, but apparently did not groom his sons for such a career from the start.

"He never pushed us to play football," says Ray. "It was there if we wanted to play, but he never pushed us. We all knew how he felt, though. He wanted us to play football. He never really said it, but we knew how he felt."

Still, Ray wasn't always that crazy about receiving constructive criticism from his father.

"I used to hate coming home after games on Friday nights (in high school) because I knew he would be telling me all

Ray Locklin, star New Mexico State fullback, leads the Missouri Valley Conference in yards gained this season. He and brother Kerry pack a potent offensive punch for the Aggies.



the things that I did wrong," says the talented fullback. "You'd work to try to do those things better, but there would always be something else. Football teaches you a lot about life and he taught us to learn from that.

"You have to overcome losses and pain and setbacks."

Gil Krueger is in his second year at New Mexico State after a 6-5 start.

"The key to our season will be how well we play in our first three games," he said last summer. "Another important part will be the development of relatively inexperienced players at key positions such as quarterback and linebacker."

The Aggies escaped the first three games with a 23-13 victory over Wichita State, a 14-13 loss to Drake and a 14-13 victory over Texas-El Paso.

New Mexico State has high hopes of defending its conference championship. Much however, depends on a couple of newcomers developing quickly.

The Aggies would seem to have a much more balanced and experienced team than the one which captured the MVC championship a year ago. Improvement was expected in the running department and on defense.

"We will be more of a running team because of our good backs and because we lack an experienced passer," says Krueger. "We also will be much improved on defense because of an extra year of experience."

#### **OFFENSE**

LINE—NMSU likes to go for the big play, which generally means the offensive line would do well to learn its pass-blocking skills well. The interior includes the likes of Steve Solaja, John Cordova, David Gerald, Mark Mielcik and newcomer Jay Jones.

RECEIVERS — Returning starter Joe Hixon (33 catches in '78) is the best. Scott Meador, who caught 12 passes a year ago, already had seven after the first three games this fall. So did running back Howard Greathouse. Tight end Kerry Locklin hung onto 18 receptions a year ago.

QUARTERBACK — This is what all the pre-season fuss was about in Las Cruces. But it was settled early when junior-college transfer Butch Kelly outdueled freshman Jamie McAlister, who was redshirted a year ago.

Kelly passed for 2,100 yards at Garden City Juco a year ago and was passing at a 50 per cent clip through the Aggies' early-season games.

RUNNING BACKS — Ray Locklin is the leader, of course. He's considered the best in the MVC because he has both size and speed.

Help is expected from Gary Steele, Anton Niles and Greathouse. All have been



All-Missouri Valley Conference tackle Dan Piantz adds maturity and experience to the Aggies' unseasoned defensive line.

starters at one time or another. Greathouse was averaging 4.6 yards per carry through the early going.

OVERALL — Krueger likes to pass and thinks he has the offensive line and skilled personnel to do it.

"We like to throw at every opportunity," says the coach. "Our offensive line should be better than last year and we have good speed in our running backs and wide receivers."

The big question was quarterback, but Kelly already has gone quite a distance toward answering that.

#### DEFENSE

LINE — This is an area that began the season with a definite tint of green about its gills. But there seemed to be quite a bit of talent to lean upon.

Basketballer Brian Corris and former running back Ken Hall were impressive at defensive end in the spring. At tackles will be transfer David Day and All-Missouri Valley Conference returnee Dan Plantz. Also back are nose guards Isaac Martinez and Rod Turner.

LINEBACKER — Leader Dusty Furr was lost by graduation, but Don Campbell is

expected to take up the slack — and then some. Campbell was in on 118 tackles a year ago and veteran Mike Phelan is back on the other side.

SECONDARY — This is probably the strongest single area of the football team. Starters are back throughout, led by All-MVC second-team pick James Ferebee and All-MVC honorable mention Michael Armand at the corners. Jim Bradley and Anthony Watson will be the safeties.

The secondary, says Krueger, "is a definite strength with four starters returning."

OVERALL—The early forecast was that NMSU's defensive unit should be much improved—and the opening scores would seem to indicate as much.

"One concern," says Krueger, "is that we have a lack of depth just about everywhere, but particularly on the defensive line and in our linebackers."

#### KICKING

Scott Richardson has taken over for MVC record-holder Skip Vernon, who gave the Aggies four years of excellence.

Greg Pope was the early punter, but kicked for only a 31.2 average through the

first three games.

#### SERIES

This is the first meeting between the two universities.

#### INJURIES

Since the season began, the Aggies have lost running back Howard Greathouse, who quit due to personal problems; receiver Scott Meader, broken wrist, and two offensive linemen, Steve Solaja and Harold Oliver, out with knee injuries.

In addition, two of New Mexico State's better defensive backs, Michael Armand and Jim Bradley, have been playing on gimpy legs for about the last three weeks.

#### RECORD

With injuries taking their toll, New Mexico State's supposedly vastly improved defensive unit has wilted to some degree in the last two games.

After holding Wichita State, Drake and Texas-El Paso to 13, 14 and 13 points, respectively, the Aggies have been bombed 40-23 by Indiana State and 30-16 by New Mexico the last two times out.

Their record dropped to 2-3 last Saturday when New Mexico quarterback Casey Miller, making his first start, rallied his team to 27 points in the second half.

The Lobos throttled New Mexico State's running game, holding the Aggies to 54 yards on 40 rushes. And New Mexico State was unable to help itself, either, losing three fumbles and five interceptions.

After Saturday's 1:30 p.m. contest in Memorial Stadium, which already is assured of being Nebraska's 102nd straight sellout, New Mexico State can rest somewhat easier through the remainder of its schedule.

Following Nebraska will be North Texas State, Texas-Arlington, West Texas State, Tulsa and Southern Illinois.



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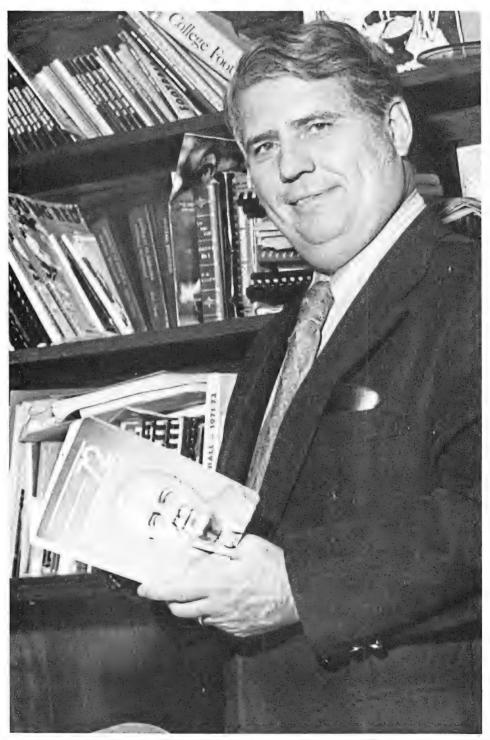
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	NU	NMS			
1979 Record to Date	3-0	2-3	FUMBLES/LOST	10/9	18/12
Returning Starters	12	14			
1978 Overall Record	9-3	6-5	PENALTIES/ YARDS	9/95	36/358
TEAM OFFENSE	odlatek				of respect
Rushes attempted	199	221	INDIVIDUAL OFFEN	ISE	
Yards gained	1057	913	Rushing	No. Yds	. Avg. TD
Yards lost	60	205	(NU) Hipp	54 391	5.4 3
Net yards gained	997	708	(NU) Redwine	44 304	6.9 0
Avg. gain per rush	5.0	3.2	(NMS) Locklin	93 450	4.8 0
Touchdowns	11	6	(NMS) Greathouse	40 194	4.6 0
Passes attempted	48	132	Passing	PA PC	PI YDS TD
Passes completed	27	62	(NU) Hager	23 15	1 226 2
Passes intercepted	2	9	(NU) Quinn	25 12	1 142 1
Percentage	.562	.470	(NMS) Kelly	126 59	9 883 6
Total Yards	368	940			
Touchdowns	3	6	Receiving	No. Y	ds. Avg. Ti
			(NU) Miller	7 1	65 23.6 3
Passes caught	27	62	(NU) Smith	9 1	29 14.3 0
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Rushes attempted	104	269	(NU) Williams	23	11
Yards gained	341	1237	(NU) Baker	16	16
Yards lost	80	139	(NMS) — na		
Net yards gained	261	1098			
Avg. gain per rush	3.3	4.1	Interceptions	No.	
Touchdowns	3	10	(NU) LeRoy	2 1 40 11	
			(NMS) Bradley	3	
Passes attempted	78	105		4.5	
Passes completed	37	42	Fumbles Recoveries	No.	
Passes Intercepted	2	9	(NU) Nelson	2	
Percentage	.474	.400	(NMS) — na		
Total yards	496	611			
Touchdowns	3	5	na — not available		
PUNTING					
Number	10	26			
Yards	415	864			
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1962 GOTHAM BOWL

# A Nebraska Runway, A New York Bank

by Steve Pederson



Not many Cornhusker fans know the 1962 Gotham Bowl almost never happened. The Huskers eventually defeated the University of Miami 36-34 in a thrilling contest. But let's look past the score; let's take a closer look. Let's go INSIDE CORNHUSKER SPORTS.

The men who will take us inside the 1962 Gotham Bowl are quarterback Dennis Claridge, now a Lincoln dentist, and Don Bryant, Nebraska assistant athletic director and sports information director, then sports editor of the Lincoln *Star*.

The reason the Gotham Bowl almost never got off the ground was the usual: Money.

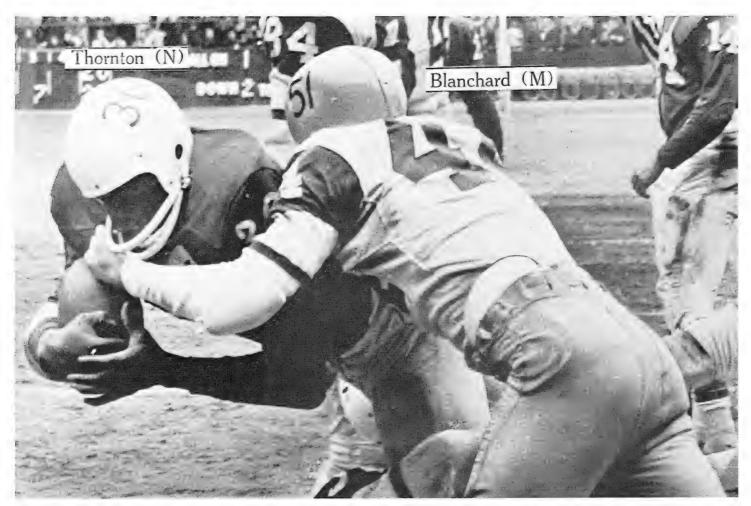
Bryant tells the story: "We were guaranteed \$35,000 by the Gotham Bowl committee and chancellor Clifford Hardin had decreed that the team would not take off for New York until we actually had the money. The Gotham Bowl was having its troubles and there was a newspaper strike in New York, so no one knew about the game.

"Obviously they didn't sell very many tickets, so the committee was having one heck of a time raising the money. Jim Pittenger, John Bentley, Dick Becker and myself were sitting at the hotel in New York waiting for the check from Bob Curran, promoter of the Gotham Bowl. In the meantime, the team was sitting in the airport in Lincoln waiting for the okay to take off.

"Curran brings a check over to Pitt and he takes it to the bank, but they won't certify it. He calls home and tells the team not to take off. Curran asks for a little more time, later brings another check and it's no good again. This goes on several times for about two hours until the check clears and the team can take off."

Claridge adds, "I think we sat at that airport for somewhere over an hour waiting to take off. We were all so thrilled about the

Sports information director Don Bryant was sports editor of the Lincoln *Star* at the 1962 Gotham Bowl. But he remembers the saga of the \$35,000 guarantee.



Bill "Thunder" Thornton scored two louchdowns and the deciding final two points with 12:10 left in the game after a one-yard scoring run by Willie Ross.

game that we were all just hoping we would be able to go."

The ordeal of getting the Huskers to New York was not the only pitfall of the Gotham Bowl. As you might imagine, New York is not the best place to play football in the dead of winter. The ground was so frozen the team found tennis shoes a more reasonable footwear than the traditional football cleats.

"It was about nine degrees below zero, but they had shut off the heat in the press box and our typewriters had frozen up," recalls Bryant. "I watched the fourth quarter of the game from the sidelines and then had to go back to the hotel and write my story."

Only a handful of spectators showed up in huge Yankee Stadium to watch what some have called one of history's greatest bowl games. It was the passing wizardry of Miami's George Mira versus the running versatility of Nebraska's Willie Ross.

"Willie Ross had a great day," says Claridge. "I think he should have been the player of the game, but Miami seemed to come out on the long end of all the awards and honors."

Ross gained 77 yards rushing and scored twice, once on a 92-yard kickoff

return. Ironically, it was Mira's passing, in the form of two big interceptions, that led to two Nebraska scores.

A great day for football it was not, but first-year coach Bob Devaney had prepared his troops. "I remember Bob calling the team together before the game for the final pep talk," Bryant reminisces. "He said, 'Fellas, I'm sorry that I got you into this. I know the weather is terrible and so is the crowd, but it kind of reminds me of a back-alley fight back in Michigan (Devaney's home state). There wasn't anybody there to watch you, but the toughest guy always won.' "

Adds Claridge, "We had come into the game thinking we were really something special. Here are all these Nebraska boys in New York City getting off the plane and climbing into a cab. Because of the newspaper strike, the cab driver did not even know there was a game or who was playing. That humbled us a little."

Led by the running of Ross and the passing of Claridge, who was 9 for 14 for 146 yards, the Huskers were unstoppable.

The game had a few different wrinkles, which could have been the reason the Nebraska-Miami contest was the first and last Gotham Bowl ever played.

"Yankee Stadium had a little bit of a slope to it," says Claridge. "One quarter you were running downhill and the next you were running up. There was a great correlation between the downhill slope and the scoring drives. It was so cold that you could be injured and not even know it because you were so numb. I didn't even realize that I had a severe bruise until we got back into the locker room.

"My most vivid memory of the Gotham Bowl was after the game. We were in the locker room and a New York sports writer came over and said to coach Devaney, 'Let's get a picture of you kissing Dennis.' Coach just looked back at him and said, 'In Nebraska we kiss girls.'"

This was only the beginning of what was to become one of the great football traditions in the country. Bob Devaney had taken a floundering program and pumped it full of new life, but the best was yet to come.

As for the hero quarterback, Claridge admits, "At that point that was the biggest thrill of my life."

But for Nebraska football fans, the thrills were just beginning. **N** 

Next: 1964 ORANGE BOWL.

# HUSKER SCORECARD

#### NU Frosh Win Opener

Nebraska's freshman football team gave Frank Solich his initial Cornhusker win September 10 at Laramie when the Huskers defeated the Wyoming Junior Varsity 26-16

It was the first meeting ever between the two schools and the Nebraska squad was made up entirely of frosh, while the Wyoming team consisted of freshmen, sophomores, juniors and three seniors.

Nebraska's offensive stars were I-Back Roger Craig from Davenport, Iowa, fullback Craig Holmon from Omaha and quarterback Nate Mason from Greenville. Texas.

Craig, brother of former Husker wing-

back Curtis Craig, gained 196 yards on just 12 carries and scored once. His 69-yard run with 13:27 left in the first period gave Nebraska a 7-0 lead.

He also had a 70-yard run in the third quarter, but fumbled the ball out of bounds at the Wyoming 17. Three plays later, the Huskers scored when Holmon ran up the middle for three yards with 1:23 left in the game to give Nebraska its final 26-16 edae.

Holmon gained 93 yards on 11 carries. Showing fine speed and the ability to gain ground with would-be tacklers hanging on, Holmon impressed the Wyoming varsity staff, sitting in the press box during the

"If Holmon was here," one of the Cowboy coaches said, "he'd be our top varsity fullback."

Giving the Huskers a new dimension from the quarterback position was Mason, who gained 73 yards rushing and scored twice on runs of 55 yards in the second quarter and one yard in the third period.

After the game Solich said he didn't know who was more tense before the game, the coach or the players, "I was really a little bit nervous because I didn't know what to expect from Wyoming," he said. "They played a lot of kids who have been around this school for a few years and I was very happy we were able to play with them as well as we did so early in the season."

#### Women's Volleyball Meet Near

For those who don't have a ticket to the Nebraska-Colorado football game October 27, women's Big Eight competition will be at its peak that weekend.

Terry Pettit hopes to guide his volleyball squad to a fourth straight Big Eight championship when the Huskers travel to Stillwater, Oklahoma, October 26-27 for the Big Eight conference volleyball champion-

Nebraska is having a successful season and with a record like 39-1 against Big Eight opponents in the last three years, the Huskers should have no problem winning another title.

#### **Cross Country Championships**

Nebraska will host the 1979 conference cross country championships October 27 and, while NU's outcome in the race is uncertain, it is certain that Iowa State will have its usual tough team. The Cyclones have won five straight national championships and are expected to be contenders again despite the loss of head coach Chris Murray to Arizona State.

> - Bill Bennett and Cathy Chown



Krys Miles, sophomore from Lexington, Nebraska, is an outside hitter who will be a key element in the Cornhuskers' bid for a fourth straight Big Eight volleyball championship.

### FUTURE HUSKER FOOTBALL SCHEDULES

#### 1980

Sept. 13 — Utah 20 — Iowa

27 — at Penn State

Oct. 4 — Florida State 11 — at Kansas

18 — Oklahoma State

25 — at Colorado

Nov. 1 — Missouri 8 — Kansas State

15 — at Iowa State

22 — Oklahoma

#### 1981

Sept. 12 — at Iowa

19 — Florida State

26 — Penn State

Oct. 3 — Auburn

10 — Colorado

17 — at Kansas State

24 — at Missouri

31 — Kansas

Nov. 7 — at Oklahoma State

14 — Iowa State

21 — at Oklahoma

#### 1982

Sept. 11 - Iowa

18 — New Mexico State

25 — at Penn State

Oct. 2 — at Auburn

9 - at Colorado

16 — Kansas State

23 — Missouri

30 - at Kansas

Nov. 6 — Oklahoma State

13 — at Iowa State

20 — Oklahoma

#### 1983

Sept. 10 — Wyoming

17 — at Minnesota

24 — UCLA

Oct. 1 — Syracuse

8 — at Oklahoma State

15 — at Missouri

22 — Colorado

29 - at Kansas State

Nov. 5 — Iowa State

12 — Kansas

19 — at Oklahoma

#### 1984

Sept. 8 — Wyoming

15 — Minnesota

22 - at UCLA

29 — at Syracuse

Oct. 6 — Oklahoma State

13 — Missouri

20 - at Colorado

27 — Kansas State

Nov. 3 — at Iowa State

10 — at Kansas

17 — Oklahoma

#### 1985

Sept. 14 — Florida State

21 — Illinois

28 — Oregon

Oct. 5 — New Mexico State

12 — at Oklahoma State

19 — at Missouri

26 — Colorado

Nov. 2 — at Kansas State

9 - Iowa State

16 — Kansas

23 — at Oklahoma

#### 1986

Sept. 13 — Florida State

20 — at Illinois

27 — Oregon

Oct. 4 — at South Carolina

11 — Oklahoma State

18 — Missouri

25 — at Colorado

Nov. 1 — Kansas State

8 — at Iowa State

15 — at Kansas

22 — Oklahoma

#### 1987

Sept. 12 - UCLA

19 — Utah State

26 — at Arizona State

Oct. 3 — South Carolina

10 — Kansas

10 — Narisas

17 — at Oklahoma State

24 — Kansas State

31 — at Missouri

Nov. 7 — Oklahoma

14 — at Colorado

21 — Iowa State



### AROUND THE LEAGUE

#### 1979 Football Schedule

DATE Sept. 8	NEBRASKA 🙀	NEBRASKA ∰ IOWA STATE ∰ KANSAS ₩		KANSAS STATE	
Sept. 15	UTAH STATE 35-14	BOWLING GREEN 38-10	at Pittsburgh 0-24	at Auburn 18-26	
Sept. 22	at Iowa 24-21	at Texas 9-17	at Michigan 7-28	OREGON STATE 22-16	
Sept. 29	PENN STATE 42-17	at Iowa 14-30	NORTH TEXAS STATE 37-18	at Air Force 19-6	
Oct. 6	NEW MEXICO STATE	UNIV. OF THE PACIFIC	SYRACUSE	TULSA	
Oct. 13	KANSAS	at Kansas State	at Nebraska	IOWA STATE	
Oct. 20	at Oklahoma State	KANSAS	at Iowa State	OKLAHOMA	
Oct. 27	COLORADO	at Oklahoma	OKLAHOMA STATE	at Missouri	
Nov. 3	at Missouri	COLORADO	KANSAS STATE	at Kansas	
Nov. 10	at Kansas State	MISSOURI	at Oklahoma	NEBRASKA	
Nov. 17	IOWA STATE	at Nebraska	COLORADO	at Oklahoma State	
Nov. 24	at Oklahoma	OKLAHOMA STATE	MISSOURI	at Colorado	
DATE Sept. 8	MISSOURI (1) SAN DIEGO STATE 45-15	COLORADO 雅。 OREGON 19-33	OKLAHOMA 🕲	OKLAHOMA STATE ANORTH TEXAS STATE	
Sept. 15	at Illinois 14-6	LOUISIANA STATE 0-44	IOWA 21-6	WICHITA STATE 16-6	
Sept. 22	at Mississippi 33-7	DRAKE 9-13	TULSA 49-13	Arkansas at Little Rock 7-27	
Sept. 29	TEXAS 0-21	at Indiana 17-16	at Rice 63-21	, <u>-</u> ,	
Oct. 6		at Oklahoma	COLORADO	at South Carolina	
Oct. 13	OKLAHOMA STATE		Texas at Dallas	at Missouri	
Oct. 20	at Colorado	MISSOURI	at Kansas State	NEBRASKA	
Oct. 27	KANSAS STATE	at Nebraska	IOWA STATE	at Kansas	
I 1		at Iowa State	at Oklahoma State	OKLAHOMA	
Nov. 3	NEBRASKA	at lowa otate			
Nov. 3 Nov. 10	NEBRASKA at Iowa State	OKLAHOMA STATE	KANSAS	at Colorado	
			KANSAS at Missouri	at Colorado KANSAS STATE	
Nov. 10	at Iowa State	OKLAHOMA STATE			

FINAL	1978	BIG	EIGHT	STANDINGS	

	Conference	Overall
Oklahoma	6-1	11- 1
Nebraska	6-1	9- 3
Iowa State	4-3	8- 4
Missouri	4-3	8- 4
Kansas State	3-4	4- 7
Oklahoma State	3-4	3- 8
Colorado	2-5	<b>6-</b> 5
Kansas	0-7	1-10

#### **Orange Blossom Special**

Big Eight teams stampeded to a 5-2 record last week, the only losers being Missouri and Iowa State. Nebraska's rousing win over Penn State, of course, dominated talk around the league, but Colorado's reversal of form while knocking off previously unbeaten Indiana also was cause for conversation. Billy Sims scored three first-quarter touchdowns and set up another with a 40-yard gallop, starting Oklahoma toward victory in a light scrimmage with Rice.

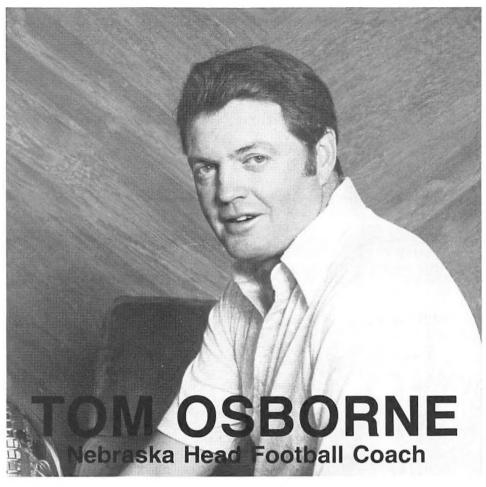
### **NEBRASKA**

Throughout the Big Eight and the nation, the University of Nebraska is synonymous with "championship football."

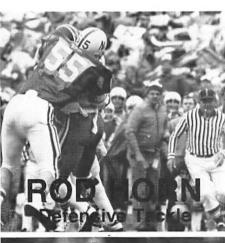
Under head coach Tom Osborne, who is enjoying his seventh season as the Huskers' mentor, Nebraska has won two Big Eight titles (1975 and 1978), participated in six bowl games (1974 Cotton, 1974 Sugar, 1975 Fiesta, 1976 Astro-Bluebonnet, 1977 Liberty and 1979 Orange), appeared on national television at least twice a year in the last six seasons and been ranked in the country's top 10 during Osborne's entire reign.

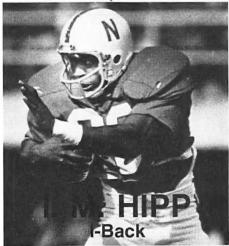
Nebraska's tradition easily compares to the greatness of the 1970s. Under Bob Devaney, former NU head coach (1962-72) and current athletic director, the Huskers won two national championships (1970-71) and eight conference crowns (1963-66, 1969-72). Under Devaney, they were ranked in the nation's top 10 seven times and played in nine bowl games, including three consecutive Orange Bowl contests (1971-73).

The University of Nebraska definitely means "championship football."









#### Home Games in Bold. 1979-80 NU BASKETBALL SCHEDULE

Saturday November 24 WINDSOR, ONT.
Friday November 30 SOUTH DAKOTA ST.
Saturday December 1 PORTLAND STATE
Monday December 3 EASTERN WASHINGTON
Saturday December 8 CREIGHTON

Tuesday December 11 at Purdue
Thursday December 13 CAL-BAKERSFIELD
Saturday December 15 at Minnesota

Saturday December 22 ALABAMA-BIRMINGHAM

Thursday-Sunday December 27-30 at Hawaii Classic

(Hawaii, Nebraska, Army, Illinois, Louisville, Nevada-Reno, Princeton,

Wisconsin)

Wednesday January 2 at Idaho Friday January 4 WISCONSIN-OSHKOSH Saturday January 5 ANGELO STATE Wednesday January 9 at Iowa State Saturday January 12 MISSOURI Wednesday January 16 KANSAS

Saturday January 19 at Colorado Wednesday January 23 **OKLAHOMA STATE** Saturday January 26 at Kansas State Wednesday January 30 **OKLAHOMA** Saturday February 2 at Missouri Tuesday February 5 at Kansas Saturday February 9 **IOWA STATE** February 13 Wednesday at Oklahoma State Saturday February 16 COLORADO Wednesday February 20 KANSAS STATE

Saturday February 23 at Oklahoma
Tuesday February 26 First Round — Big 8 Postseason Playoff (Campus Sites)
Friday February 29 Semifinals — at Big 8 Postseason Playoff (Kansas City)
Saturday March 1 Final — at Big 8 Postseason Playoff (Kansas City)

Thursday March 6 First Round — NCAA in Lincoln
Saturday March 8 Second Round — NCAA in Lincoln

### Colorful Action Thursdays at 6 PM



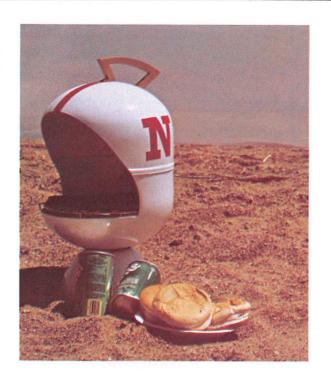




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